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Germany Under Glass at The Domes

Family-Friendly Festival Celebrates German Culture

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 14, 2015) – “Germany Under Glass,” a family-friendly celebration of German culture will be presented by German-American Societies and various German clubs of Milwaukee, in partnership with the Milwaukee County Parks, Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

In addition to music, dance, authentic foods, and table-top displays, this year’s festival will celebrate two historic events and the recent soccer championship. Speakers will provide details of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall (Nov. 9, 1989), the centennial anniversary of the start of World War I (July 28, 1914), and Germany’s winning of the 2014 World Cup.

Music and dance performances will be ongoing in both the lobby and Show Dome. Visitors may have a difficult time choosing what groups to see. From a choral performance by the children of the Milwaukee German Immersion School and the DANK (Deutsch Amerikanischer National Kongress) to the swirling dirndl skirts and the schuhplattling (the traditional thigh- and sole-slapping dance) of the Bavarian D’Lustig’n Wendlstoana, the event highlights the many areas of German culture. *(The complete schedule is at the end of this article.)*

No German festival would be complete without special food. Local Milwaukee businesses passionate about their heritage will serve authentic German foods. The Konditorei, or German café, will serve Almond Horns, Fürst Puckler Torte, Vienna Torte, and the popular Bienenstich (custard-filled torte). More savory foods include Rollbraten, Reuben Bratwurst, Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, potato salad, and sauerkraut, provided by Schwein’s Platzl (a division of Kokopelli’s Pub and Grub). New this year is the Biergarten, offering German beer, pretzels, landjaegers (semi-dried sausages), and roasted almonds.

The display area will offer information on 19 clubs, and will cover genealogy, opportunities for conversation groups, camps, and German books.

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Items for sale at the event include t-shirts, glass ornaments, and custom-made dirndls. In addition, Wolfgang Schweizer, a local blacksmith and master metal craftsman, will display his iron work.

Children's activities include crafts, games, folding paper into stars, Christmas crafts, and Old German handwriting demonstrations throughout The Domes.

To provide a deeper understanding of German history and culture, a variety of talks will take place in the Education Center. From light-hearted cooking and brewing talks to more serious discussions, the 30-minute programs will enlighten visitors. Special guests will discuss Germany's Peaceful Revolution and Re-Unification, East German Identity after 1989, WWI and German Americans, and Werner von Braun: Father of the Space Program. *(The complete schedule is at the end of this article.)*

"Germany Under Glass" is included in regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

For more information, call The Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

Schedule for the Lobby Stage

9:00–9:45 a.m.	Kurt von Eckroth
9:55–10:15 a.m.	D.A.N.K. Choir
10:25–10:45 a.m.	D'Lustig'n Wendlstoana
10:55–11:15 a.m.	D.A.N.K. Dancers
11:25–11:45 a.m.	Milwaukee German Immersion School
11:55 a.m.–12:25 p.m.	Familiemusi Hacker-Mueller
12:35–1:15 p.m.	Danube Cultural Society
1:25–1:45 p.m.	Spielmannszug Milwaukee Tanzsterne
1:55–2:45 p.m.	United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee
2:55–3:15 p.m.	John Miller - Organ Grinder
3:25–4:20 p.m.	Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt
4:30–4:50 p.m.	Beverly Persa

Music Schedule for the Show Dome

9:00–9:45 a.m.	Heimatmorgen
9:55–10:30 a.m.	Pommersche Späldeel Freistadt
10:40–11:10 a.m.	Kurt von Eckroth
11:20–11:40 a.m.	D'Lustig'n Wendlstoana
11:50–12:15 a.m.	Spielmannszug Milwaukee Drum & Bugle Corps
12:25–12:50 a.m.	John Miller - Organ Grinder
1:00–1:30 p.m.	Beverly Persa
1:40–2:40 p.m.	Gunter's Good Time Band
2:50–3:30 p.m.	Familiemusi Hacker-Mueller
3:40–4:50 p.m.	Die Hochländer Kerle

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Schedule of Trivia and Talks in the Education Center

9:30–9:45 a.m.	German Trivia, with Sy Kreilein
10:00–10:30 a.m.	Germany's Peaceful Revolution and Re-Unification, with Siggie Piwek
10:45–11:15 a.m.	German Pioneers of Brewing, with Gary Luther
11:30 a.m.–noon	East German Identity after 1989, with Dr. Winson Chu
12:15–12:45 p.m.	German Trivia, with Sy Kreilein
1:00–1:30 p.m.	German Beer, Bread and Sausage, with Barbara Merten-Brugger
1:45–2:15 p.m.	WWI and German Americans, with Dr. Cora Lee Kluge
2:30–3:00 p.m.	Werner von Braun: Father of the Space Program, with Reinhard Mueller
3:00–3:30 p.m.	German Easter Traditions, with John Schaefer
3:15–4:15 p.m.	German Milwaukee Cooking, with Trudy Paradis

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